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OFFICERS WERE GIVEN BATTLE BY INSANE MAN

FRANK PARLOVITCH, HEAVILY ARMED, SEEKS TO KEEP HIS FREEDOM.

Used His House As A Fortress

Deputies from Sheriff Alfred T. Willert's office and Colonel Roy C. Vandercook and a number of state police were given a royal time Monday night and Tuesday morning in an attempt to capture Frank Parlovitch, an escaped inmate of the insane asylum at Traverse City, who escaped from there October 1 and made his way back to his home about five miles south east of here.

Parlovitch, whose family lived in a cement block house, turned the house into a miniature fortress, and evidently aided by his mother and brothers, determined to keep officers from taking him back to Traverse City. Armed with three revolvers, a rifle and a shotgun in addition to a quantity of ammunition Parlovitch was evidently in a position to cause trouble for anyone who sought to capture him, especially as the house stood in a clear space, so that any person approaching the house would be forced to make his way across the cleared ground making a fine target for those within the house.

About October 12 officials from the asylum endeavored to effect the capture of Parlovitch, but the insane man drove off the officials. Since Saturday Sheriff Willert and his deputies had been keeping their eyes on the place in the hope of effecting the capture of the man, but when their efforts to take him failed ward was sent to Lansing Monday and Governor Groesbeck sent Colonel Roy C. Vandercook, Captain L. M. Marmon and a number of state police to the scene.

It was intended to attack the house Monday night about midnight, but the moonlight was so bright that anyone approaching the house could easily be seen by the insane man who was fighting to keep the officers from returning him to Traverse City. A tear gas attack was used, which drove all except Parlovitch from the house. During the night Parlovitch fired several shots at the forces that Colonel Vandercook had scattered around the house at various points of vantage, taking refuge from the shots behind trees and stumps, but watching warily to keep the insane man from making an escape from the house.

Tuesday morning Colonel Vandercook hit upon a clever ruse to bring Parlovitch from the house, a fake note to Parlovitch, delivered by his mother bringing him out of the house to meet Vandercook. While the two were going over some papers, Captain Marmon of the state police, who was close by, gave a leap and before Parlovitch realized what had happened Marmon had snapped handcuffs on his wrists, making him a prisoner.

Shortly after he was started from St. Louis for the asylum for the criminally insane at Ionia.

BARKER-FOWLER SELL ALMA STORE

CORYEL PURCHASES SHOP HE HAS CONDUCTED FOR LANSING FIRM FOUR YEARS.

The Barker-Fowler Electric shop, located on Woodward avenue has been sold by the Lansing concern to F. E. Coryel, for the past four years manager of the Alma store. The deal was consummated last week and Mr. Coryel took possession of the place Monday as the proprietor.

The Barker-Fowler company entered the Alma business field four years ago last July and since that time has been enjoying a growing business, achieving a good popularity in this vicinity.

Mr. Coryel stated Monday that the concern would continue the same electrical lines that it handled under the former management, including the retail sale of fixtures and electrical appliances. Installation work will also continue to be one of the chief matters of consideration of the shop.

Mr. Coryel stated that the management would be pleased to meet all of its old customers at any time and also would be pleased to meet new people in the city. He spoke highly of the patronage that the local store has received in the past from Alma people.

Popular Couple Married Wednesday

Miss Susan Etta Stuckey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Stuckey, was quietly united in marriage Wednesday morning at 11:30 to Mr. Myron Alvah Potter of Elwell, the wedding taking place at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. M. W. Duffey officiating. Only the immediate relatives were present at the ceremony.

Announcement of the morning wedding came as a surprise to the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Potter, who had expected that they would be married in the evening, and who were preparing to attend the usual honors to the newlyweds. Mr. and Mrs. Potter received intimations of what their friends were planning, however, and by changing the hour of the ceremony were able to escape from the city before their friends were aware of their marriage.

Immediately after the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Potter left for Lansing, Jackson and West Michigan points on a ten day wedding trip.

Mrs. Potter is one of Alma's best known young ladies, and has a wide circle of friends here, which has grown larger each year. For the past two years Mrs. Potter has had charge of the savings department at the First State Bank of this city. Mr. Potter is a prominent Elwell farmer, and is well known throughout the county.

They will be at home to their many friends at Elwell, after January 1, 1922.

REJECT PROPOSED BOND SUBMISSION

SUPERVISORS REJECT PROPOSITION TO SUBMIT BOND ISSUE TO THE VOTERS.

At the meeting of the Gratiot county board of supervisors held at Ithaca Monday, the board turned down a motion by Supervisor Albert P. Cook of Alma that a resolution be passed that the matter of bonding in the sum of \$500,000, the proceeds to be used for good roads under the direction of the Board of Supervisors, the bonds to be issued as needed, be put to a vote of the people of the county.

The matter of a proposal to bond the county for \$500,000 has been under discussion for some little time, having first come to the attention of the public at a good roads meeting held in St. Louis some little time ago, and again last Friday at a meeting of the Gratiot County Good Roads Association.

It is said that there has been some little misunderstanding regarding the matter, especially in the rural parts of the county and when the proposition went to a vote by the supervisors it was defeated 17 to 8. Four Alma supervisors, three from St. Louis and the Ithaca supervisor voted in favor of the submission of the proposition to the voters. The supervisors of the townships voted against it.

It is understood that the proposition will probably be taken before the supervisors at the January meeting for a second time and that the preliminary work will be handled differently and that it will also be indicated how much of the money is to be used for state trunk line improvement and how much of the fund for other roads of Gratiot. It is believed that a misunderstanding regarding the use to which it was proposed to put the money was responsible for the defeat of the proposition.

Present Flag to Masonic Home

One of the most pleasing features of the visit of the wholesalers of Grand Rapids to this city last Thursday was a visit to the Michigan Masonic Home here with the Furniture City band, which rendered several selections.

While at the Masonic Home the Grand Rapids wholesalers presented the home with a large American flag.

HARD TIMES AND RELIGION

Rev. Matthew W. Duffey will deliver a series of Sunday evening addresses beginning next Sunday at 7 p. m. in the Methodist church on the general theme "Hard Times and Religion." He will strive to answer such questions as "Why these hard times?" "What is the remedy?" "Who is to blame?" "Is there any relation between Religion and Hard Times?" These are vital questions and doubtless very many Alma people will gather to hear the discussions of these questions. Those who are interested, and who is not?, will find that Mr. Duffey will handle these questions fearlessly as well as thoughtfully. All classes of people will likely find something to think about in these sermons.

ALMA IS GOOD MANUFACTURING CITY IS WORD

ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT VISITED IS THE VIEW OF GRAND RAPIDS WHOLESALERS.

Newspapers Speak Well of the City

That the wholesalers of Grand Rapids were much impressed with their visit to Alma, and to the big possibilities that are open in this section of the state for the wholesale houses of that city is evidenced in some of the articles which appeared in Grand Rapids newspapers last week, following the visit of the wholesalers to this city.

The Grand Rapids Herald said: "At Alma, the only city of consequence industrially visited by the special since leaving Ludington, the wholesalers found business on the upgrade, with its merchants quite optimistic. The Republic Motor Truck company is employing about 200 men and gradually increasing its force. The Swift & Co. branch is handling considerable poultry and eggs, and the Libby company is distributing large sums to cucumber growers. The Northern Wheel company's plant is running with nearly a full force, and the Michigan Sugar company's plant is to start in a few days. This latter factory will pay out between \$500,000 and \$750,000 before the season is over."

"Business conditions have taken a turn for the better, according to C. H. Washburn and K. R. Adams, representing the two Alma banks. The Furniture City band gave a concert at the Masonic home and a flag was presented the institution by the visitors. Alma college attendance is the largest on record."

In discussing the trip Floyd Fisher, writing for the Grand Rapids News, said: "During the tour through the sugar beet region, the Grand Rapids wholesalers were amazed at the prospects of new trade in this district. Merchants in the cities visited not only welcomed the Furniture City trade extenders, but in each case gave them assurances of continued and new business."

"With a couple more frosts the beet growers will be a happy lot. It is generally believed that the beet crop is about 80 per cent good. Around Mt. Pleasant the acreage is 'off,' while in the Alma and Ithaca territory the acreage is better, but the sugar content of the beets is said to be a little less."

Farmers are pleased with the outlook. The report that the price of beets would be far less than the present has been discredited. The growers have been expecting a little less for their product than they received last year.

"The retailers tell wholesalers that the farmers are buying now. The latter are spending more money on equipment and less on luxury than for several years past."

"The farmers in this locality are holding up their grain, potatoes and apples for a little higher price, it was reported. Many of the beet growers are delaying their harvest for more frosts, which, growers claim, increases the sugar percentage in the beets."

"Alma merchants are staging a four days sale, which they believe will be attended by thousands of persons. A five passenger auto will be given away."

"This sale is staged for the purpose of attracting persons residing within a radius of 20 miles from Alma. A large number of these residents have been going to Saginaw, Owosso and St. Johns to do their trading."

"Bankers here and in St. Louis report that savings accounts are increasing over the commercial accounts this year. Last year it was the opposite, they aver."

"The beet growers in this territory will receive between one-half to three-quarters of a million dollars this year for their beets. Last year they received about \$1,000,000 for about 27,000,000 pounds of beets."

"The Republic Truck company is employing about 200 men. When running full force 2,700 men are on the payroll. The Northern Wheel company is working nearly full time. A. C. Chapman, formerly of the Michigan Hearse and Casket company at Grand Rapids, is superintendent of this concern."

"The pickle and other packing stations are receiving about the average amount of produce. The two bakeries at Alma supply a territory within a radius of 30 miles with baked goods. College officers at Alma report attendance records broken this year. This city has bus service between Saginaw, St. Louis, Mt. Pleasant and St. Johns."

Illiteracy Shown By the Census

Illiteracy in Gratiot county and the percentage of foreign-born white people are shown in late figures released by the Bureau of the Census at Washington.

The figures on illiteracy in Gratiot county show that only .7 of one per cent of the native white people are illiterate. The figures for the foreign born whites show 7.8 per cent illiteracy. The total percentage for the county is only 1.4 per cent, only fifteen counties of the state showing a smaller percentage of illiteracy. The percentage figures are based on the total population 10 years of age and over, or the total native white or foreign-born as the case may be.

Gratiot also shows a small percentage of foreign-born whites as compared to most counties of the state, only ten counties of the 83 showing a smaller percentage. The percentage for Gratiot in 1920 was 7.2, an increase of .4 per cent in ten years.

MT. PLEASANT ELEVEN COMING

CAMPBELL GETS NORMALS FOR FIRST GRID TILT WITH ALMA IN NINE YEARS.

Coach Roy Campbell and Manager Marks of the Alma College football team have arrangements completed for a game with the strong Mt. Pleasant Normal aggregation on Davis field on Wednesday, October 26, at 3:00 p. m., insuring what promises to be one of the most hotly contested football games to be staged in Alma this year, and one which will attract the attention of football fans of both Gratiot and Isabella counties.

It will be the first meeting between the two schools in football since 1912, when the Alma collegians swept everything before them in Michigan.

This year it will be different. Alma will have no easy time with the Normals, who this year boast of the strongest lineup that the Teachers have ever had. The aggregation that Parker is coaching at the Normal consists almost entirely of veteran men, and it is fighting wild to face the Alma clan and show them that the Normals know something about the great fall sport.

Coach Campbell's new team will not find the going easy against the Normals. Alma will be forced to put forth every bit of fighting strength that she possesses to stop Parker's crack gridiron machine, which is particularly strong on offensive work. With the Ypsi game on Friday and the game with Mt. Pleasant coming Wednesday Alma will have all of the football that she needs for a few days, especially with the Olivet contest coming on the following Saturday.

It is reported that Mt. Pleasant is preparing to move to Alma on Wednesday afternoon to back up the Normal team, which Mt. Pleasant people feel has every prospect of defeating the Maroon and Cream.

INFORMATION TO BE GIVEN PUBLIC

HEAT CONTENT OF GAS SHOWN BY TESTS TO BE GIVEN PEOPLE BY COMMISSION.

At the meeting of the city commission Tuesday evening the commission went on record, now that the city has calorimeter for the measuring of heat units in the gas supplied by the Gratiot County Gas Co., in favor of furnishing the public each week with the tests that the city secures on the gas. The tests will be made a part of the official proceedings of the city commission published each week in The Record.

The gas furnished by the company is supposed to contain 540 heat units a mile from the plant, according to city officials. Tests over a period of nearly half a month, made by Manager Reynolds, since the city received the calorimeter, indicate that the gas has not contained a sufficient number of heat units to comply with the requirements of the utilities commission.

The matter has been taken up with Manager Wagner of the company, who is making every endeavor to keep the heat units up to requirement. A very noticeable improvement in the number of heat units was recorded immediately after Manager Wagner's attention had been called to the matter. City Manager Reynolds said Tuesday evening at the commission meeting when he made his first report, the heat units going up to 560 on the next test.

REV. WILLIAMS RESIGNS AS AN ALMA MINISTER

PASTOR OF CHURCH OF CHRIST HAS ACCEPTED PLACE WITH KENT, OHIO, CHURCH.

To Take Up New Work November 1

Rev. J. F. Williams, pastor of the East Superior Street Church of Christ of this city, has tendered his resignation as the leader of the local church in order to accept a position as pastor of the First Church of Christ at Kent, Ohio.

It is expected that Rev. Williams and his family will leave Alma some time during the coming week in order that he may get settled in his new home in Kent, before he assumes the pastorate there on November 1.



REV. J. F. WILLIAMS

Rev. Williams came to Alma about a year ago from Saginaw, where he had been highly successful for some time as the pastor of the First Church of Christ in that city. During the time that he has been in Alma Rev. Williams has made a wide circle of friends, in addition to greatly widening the influence of the Church of Christ of this city. It will be with regret that his many Alma friends see him leave to take up his work in new fields of endeavor.

SERVICES FOR DISARMAMENT

ALMA CHURCHES WILL JOIN IN THE SERVICES FOR INTERNATIONAL LIMITATION.

A call has just been issued by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America to its 150,000 constituent churches to observe Sunday, November 6, as a day for special prayer for God's blessing on the "International Conference in Limitation of Armament" soon to convene at Washington. Request is made that all churches shall on that day consider a sermon on the subject, that meetings during the week following shall be held for the purpose of discussing the international relations of our country and her allies, and that on November 11th, Armistice Day, a mass meeting for the same purpose in each town be held.

In response to this appeal the Alma Federation of Churches took action Tuesday night. It was decided to observe Nov. 6 as a Day of Prayer and on that day to ask each pastor of the city to present from his pulpit those teachings of Christ which apply to the issues at stake in the Washington conference. On Friday, Nov. 11, it is planned to ask that all places of business be closed for one hour between 12 noon and 1 p. m. and for one half hour of that time to hold a mass meeting for all citizens at some central place in which a short address may be heard and a time for prayer given.

It is of interest to note that similar action to the above is not only likely to take place at this time in all cities of our own country but also wherever protestantism is strong throughout the world. The Federal Council of American has called to the Church Federations in England, France and Japan, suggesting similar observance of November 6 and 11 by those countries. Also the World Alliance for International Friendship through the churches which met at Geneva Sept. 14, 1921, comprising twenty-three National Councils is appealing to Christians in all nations to observe Sunday, November 6, as a day of prayer for the Washington conference.

Your presence Oct. 19 to 22nd, will show that you know where to find quality and values. Moral: Buy Butternut Bread.—21-2w

Elks to Give Benefit Dance

Alma Lodge No. 1400 B. P. O. E., will give a dance Friday evening in the Elks Temple for the benefit of Troop C 106th Cavalry Michigan National Guard, the funds to be used to partially defray the cost of remodeling the Wright House barns for the troop headquarters.

William P. Kennedy, Exalted Ruler, has written the following open letter in regard to the matter:

"The Alma Lodge of Elks realizes the value of Troop C 106th Cavalry to this community and the need for immediate financial assistance in order that this city is not behind others in giving their organization a proper start."

"We feel that the citizens of Alma are responsive to an appeal of this sort and with an armory, a real community building, in sight, will respond generously and at the same time enjoy themselves."

"The proceeds of this party given by Alma Lodge of Elks will be turned over to Karl R. Adams, treasurer, and will be used to help defray the initial cost of remodeling a home for this unit."

We assure all our guests a very pleasant evening. If you cannot dance come and hear Michigan's most famous dance orchestra, Fischer's of Kalamazoo. The Elks are out to see our Troop go. Are you with us?"

The dance will begin Friday evening at promptly 9:00 o'clock. Tickets may be procured from members of the Troop or members of the Elk lodge.

FLOUR SALE TO END SATURDAY

ALMA WELFARE ASSOCIATION FLOUR SALE DRIVE WILL CLOSE SATURDAY.

Mother opening the oven door. The fragrant warmth of golden topped biscuits. A whiff of coffee. All are invited to watch, to taste, and then to order Gold Medal Flour through The Welfare.

A baking demonstration of tea biscuits by The Welfare's most skilled cooks showing the superior qualities of Gold Medal Flour will be held Friday and Saturday in the Medler Electric Shop's new location on Superior.

Every Welfare worker will be out with her order pad, helping at the demonstration this last week of the drive, according to the ladies. The Welfare receives a special commission of \$1.00 a barrel on all Gold Medal sold through its efforts during the drive which closes this week.

The results of the drive will be announced at a special meeting of the workers to be called next week. So far, Mrs. Ed. Parker, and Mrs. Lloyd Campbell are in the lead for high honors. Ward 2 has the greatest number of orders, Ward 1, the largest number of barrels sold.

"The hearty thanks of The Welfare, and of all those who will be aided during the winter, are accorded all the many people of Alma who have helped so generously and loyally during the drive," said Mrs. Henry Soule and Mrs. Frank Pollasky, officers of the association. "Especially do the women appreciate the co-operation of our merchants."

Workers are asked to turn in all final orders and unused order pads to their chairmen not later than Saturday night.

Gold Medal Cook Books will be sent each purchaser of the Washburn-Crosby Flour during the month.

LEASES BEAN DEPARTMENT

Ed. Judson of Durand has leased the bean department of the Alma Roller Mills and is now in the market for beans from the farmers of this part of the state. Mr. Judson, who is one of the well known bean men of the state is improving the bean department of the plant by the addition of about \$4,000 worth of new machinery, making it a first class department in every respect.

MEET NORMAL SECOND TEAM

The Alma high school football team will meet the strong Mt. Pleasant Normal second team on Davis field Friday afternoon at 3:45 in what is expected to be a hard fought contest. The high schoolers are in much better shape for the game this week than they were for the Greenville fray of last week and have high hopes of winning over the Teachers.

The Gratiot County Good Health Society will give a free entertainment to the parents, teachers and pupils of the Gratiot county schools at Ithaca, St. Louis and Alma. The entertainment will be given in each place at 3:45 p. m. The entertainment in Alma will be held November 4, at St. Louis, November 3, and at Ithaca on November 9. These pictures, in the interest of good health, are well worth seeing, according to Mrs. Shepard, secretary of the society.—2w

EXTENSION SALE IS DRAWING BIG CROWDS TO ALMA

MANY PEOPLE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE GREAT BARGAINS BEING OFFERED.

Continues Until Saturday Night

Alma Retail Merchant Bureau's trade extension week is here and people from a radius of over twenty-five are making this city their shopping headquarters this week, realizing that the merchants of Alma in their efforts to extend their trade beyond the confines of Alma and the very immediate vicinity are offering bargains this week which are not to be duplicated in this section of the state.

Many of the people who came to Alma from surrounding towns yesterday to trade were very agreeably surprised, not only at the quality of the special bargains that are being offered at highly cut rate prices, but also at the very low prices at which the merchants generally were quoting their most staple goods. They have come to a realization that Alma merchants are indeed paving the way in getting back to normal in central Michigan.

Practically every merchant in Alma is enjoying a business that is far greater than the business that has been enjoyed by these business houses for some months, which speaks very clearly for the effect that the trade extension week is having in making new business for Alma.

Not only are the merchants of Alma offering the people of central Michigan some rare bargains, but their entire stocks at low prices, and are giving further trade inducements.

Twice yesterday eight sacks of flour were given away. Twice today eight sacks of flour are being given away. This will happen again on Friday and also on Saturday.

On top of the special gift of flour that the merchants are making, there is a new Chevrolet automobile waiting for someone Saturday afternoon when the drawing is held, and someone is certain to get this automobile without the outlay of a single penny by way of chance. It is being given away as a simple trade inducement.

Some of the various firms and stores of the city are offering special gifts of their own. Notable among these are the Brown-Ward Coal company, the Little Rock Coal company and the Home Lumber & Fuel Company. The latter is asking those who visit the Home Lumber & Fuel and Brown-Ward companies' combined display room on State street, to drop

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TICKET SALE TO START NEXT WEEK

LYCEUM COURSE TICKETS WILL BE IN HANDS OF TICKET-SELLERS IN FEW DAYS.

Season tickets for the 1921-22 Community Lyceum Course will go on sale next week according to announcement by Dr. J. T. Ewing of the committee, who believes that the sale for the season tickets this year will be large in view of the excellence of the program that has been arranged for the winter, consisting as it does of six star numbers.

The tickets this year will be sold at \$2.00 for the six numbers on the course. A charge of ten cents will be made for reserved seats for each number on the program. Single admissions for any one attraction will be fifty cents, so it will be readily seen that it will be much cheaper to have the season ticket.

Announcement is also made that the entertainments this year will be given in the auditorium of Alma High School. The auditorium has a large seating capacity and is obtained at a very reasonable amount, which makes possible a still larger fund with which to procure talent for the course. This means naturally that the attractions this year will be better than ever before.

Entertainments this year will start promptly at 8:15 in the evening. Doors are to open at 7:30. As the first number on the lyceum course this year comes early in November it is important that everyone who contemplates attending the various numbers, secure their season tickets at the earliest possible moment. They may be procured at the banks or drug stores.